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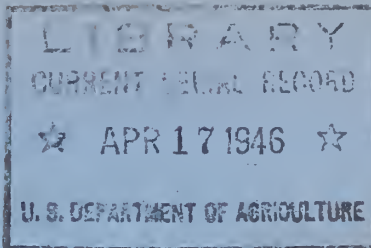
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PAN AMERICAN WEEK

President Truman has proclaimed the week of April 14th as Pan American Week. In observance of this week Agriculture has made the following arrangements: Our Cafeterias will feature creole and Spanish-American dishes; our Department Library has set up a special Pan American book shelf; an exhibit will be held in the Patio ("The Americas Go Forward in Agriculture"); appropriate technicolor films on Latin America will be shown in the Department Auditorium.

In order that all interested employees may have the opportunity to attend one of the movies, bureau personnel offices are scheduling the time you may attend on the day designated for your bureau.

ONE-ACT PLAY TOURNAMENT

The Agriculture Players under the direction of Edward Freed, will present a series of one-act plays on Tuesday, April 30, at 8:15 p.m. The plays will be staged and directed by members of the group. The tournament presents an opportunity to help determine the talent of the group before the Agriculture Players present their first major production. The program of the evening will include the following plays: "Coral Beads" by E. H. Yates. The cast: Alice Forsythe--Margaret Ink; Philip Forsythe--Ed Brigham; Barbara Lee--Ann Hatcher; staged and directed by Dorothy Rager.

"Happy Journey" by Thornton Wilder. The cast: Mrs. Kirby--Ann Fink; Pa Kirby--Hyman Cital; Caroline Kirby--Trudy Mainelli; Arthur Kirby--Ed Brigham; Beulah--Mary Hutnick; staged and directed by Fran Hanshaw.

"Letters" by Florence Lyerson. The cast: Helen Kane--Audrey Doney; Mrs. Whitney--Betty Hatcher; Dolly Darling--Ina Jane Speaker; staged and directed by Eloise Isabel.

Prizes will be given to the actor or actress giving the best performance and to the director for the best production.

Every one is cordially invited to attend. No admission charge.

TO SEW OR NOT TO SEW

Are you an amateur? The ARA says an amateur at sewing should not attempt to make a tailored suit. However, if you are skillful at sewing and have the patience to do careful work, you can give your suit that "custom-made" look by following the techniques described in Miscellaneous Publication 591, "How To Tailor a Woman's Suit."

On the other hand there is nothing to keep an amateur from trying to mend her husband's suits. After all, you have a fifty-fifty chance of making a success of it. If it isn't a full-fledged triumph---well, anyway, you tried and maybe you will have better luck next time. Miscellaneous Publication 482, "Mending Men's Suits" takes most of the guess work out of it. It is well illustrated with pictures and drawings to show you how to meet all kinds of situations-----, we mean mend holes, etc. If---just if---you should make a botch of it, or if there are some suits lying around that have been outgrown or are otherwise useless, you might want to get a copy of Miscellaneous Publication 545, "Make-Overs From Coats and Suits." It tells how to make children's and, also, adult's clothes from discarded coats and suits. If you need a short coat, it tells you how!! As you can see, girls, the ARA really has your interest at heart---and here is further proof.

If you are too long, too wide, too lumpy, or too anything else (either all over or in places), the ARA helps you keep the situation in hand. It tells you how to alter patterns to fit your problems. Get Farmers' Bulletin 1,662, "Pattern Alteration."

Now then, if you just can't or won't sew, the ARA is still right in there pitching. Before you go down to buy a dress or a slip, get Farmers' Bulletin 1851, "Women's Dresses and Slips - A Buying Guide." Get your money's worth!

When we say ARA in connection with these publications, perhaps we should be more specific and say Margaret Smith, Clarice L. Scott, and Anne F. Hagoood of the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, Agricultural Research Administration. They did the work required to make this information available to you. Don't ask them for the publications, however. Copies of those mentioned can be had in the Patic at the Free Publication Desk.

PERSONALITY

The YWCA, 17th & A Sts., NW has developed a series of three workshops which are sponsored by the Employed Girls Council. These courses are aimed toward developing within you self-confidence, a pleasing manner, poise, a sense of humor, initiative, self-control, and a sincere interest in others. These classes begin at 8 p.m. If interested, be on hand for the April 17th and 24th classes.

GOVERNMENT GIRL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Gov't Girl Club, composed of girls from every Federal Agency, will celebrate its fourth anniversary in May. The Club was organized originally after the successful plane fund drive which was conducted throughout the Government agencies and resulted in the purchase of two fighter planes. After the plane christening, the Honor Guard became charter members of the Government Girl Club.

The Club brings together girls from every Federal Agency for a program of community services and leisure time activities. These girls form a nucleus of key leaders who serve employed counselors in a volunteer capacity. Already this year the Club has sponsored and cooperated with many worthwhile social activities in Washington. Plans are under way now for a Clothes Clinic to be held for members this spring after the membership drive is over.

With the recent changes in personnel, a number of vacancies for membership have arisen. Girls in Agriculture interested in joining this organization are asked to call Ex. 3105 and an interview will be arranged.

STATE SOCIETY DANCES

Iowa - April 20 - Shoreham

Mass.- April 22 - Wardman Park

N. Y.- April 24 - Shoreham

Ill. - April 26 - Wardman Park

EASTERN ACTIVITIES

April 18 - Concert of Easter Music by George Washington University Glee Club, Lisner Auditorium 21 & H St. NW, 8:30 p.m.

April 21 - Sunrise services at Arlington Memorial Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial, and Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

April 21 - "The story of Easter in Art" presented by slides accompanied by a musical background. National Gallery of Art, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

STATE SOCIETY OFFICERS

In case you are interested in knowing who your state society officers are, you may call your bureau contact officer. A newly-revised list of these officers has been prepared for your information. State Societies have been most active in organizing social functions for their "home staters." It's a grand way to meet both new and old friends from home.

ARE YOU A CAMERA BUG?

If so, you would probably like to enter the Photo Contest and exhibit for Government employees sponsored by the Walsh Club, 1523 22nd. St., NW. The subjects are: 1. Portrait; 2. Landscape; 3. Architecture; 4. Press; 5. Color. Entries are due not later than April 20 and are limited to six photos. Put names and addresses on back of pictures (which should be mounted). The size of picture--no larger than 11" x 14". Deliver and call for your pictures.

THOMPSON TOURS

Sunday trips are being arranged. Those of you who have gone on the Thompson Tours will be glad to know that regular Sunday trips are being arranged to Skyline Drive. The next scheduled weekend trip to New York City will be May 10 (this will include a yacht trip around Manhattan Island). On Saturday, May 18, a trip has been arranged to Charlottesville and on June 14 to Williamsburg, Va. The weekend of June 21 a trip is being scheduled to New York City which will include a guided tour of West Point, Jones Beach and Bear Mt. As you know, these trips are planned primarily for Government employees and their friends. Reservations and further information may be had by calling De. 6968.

BIRD WALKS

The National Capitol Parks of the National Park Service are conducting Bird Walks for interested persons in Washington. Their schedule for April is as follows:

April 20 - Rock Creek Park --- meet at 16th & Underwood Streets, NW

April 27 - Dumbarton Oaks --- meet at Lovers Lane entrance near 31st. & R Sts., NW, at 6:30 a.m.

April 28 - Oxon Run Parkway, meet at So. Capitol St. & Livingston Rd., SE, at 6:30 a.m.

WANTS ROTATORS

Dr. Weinerman, Mt. Rainier, Ext. 2471

MUSICAL EVENTS

National Gallery of Art - 8 p.m. in East Garden Court:

April 21-Ira De Flauto, pianist

April 28-Gordon String Quartet
Washington Chapel 16th & Col. Rd.
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Every Mon. Wed. and Sat. at 8 p.m. Organ recitals by Wade M. Stephens presenting the great organ works and music in lighter moods.

Phillips Memorial Gallery -1500 21st St., NW.

April 21-piano recital 5:00 p.m.

April 28 " " " "

Washington Cathedral-Mt. St. Albans,
April 28-West Point Choir, 4:00 p.m.
For other concerts see your bureau contact officer.

ATTENTION: ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS

All Army Reserve Officers, either service force, ground or air force are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the newly activated air corps chapter of the National Reserve Officers Association. The meeting will be held at the Officers' Club, 1400 New Hampshire Ave., N. W. on Monday, April 22, at 8 p.m.

For more information call Mr. Darrell Johnson, Ext. 5166

WANT RIDES

Mrs. Kathryn Hughes, 223 Holly Ave., Takoma Park, Md., Ext. 2779

Miss Wilma O. Cranford, 7 Irving Pl., Potomac Heights, Indian Head, Md., Ext. 3365.

Miss Lois Monie, 18th & Columbia Rd., NW, Ext. 3105.